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Stamford, Connecticut – Monday, June 27, 2011 – Construction begins this week on a major renovation within Scalzi Park. The work will be done by NMP Golf Construction. The approximately \$2 million renovation will primarily take place within the central oval, and include:

- A walkway on the perimeter of the oval (8-foot width) with lighting, plantings, and benches;
- Adjustment of the middle softball field to eliminate overlapping play and sun issues;
- Addition of a pavilion (39-foot diameter);
- Addition of a splash pad;
- Renovation of the playground; and
- Replacement of lights in the north softball field and addition of lights in the middle field.

A Master Plan was completed by Vollmer Associates (now Stantec Consulting Services Inc.) for Scalzi Park in 2004, incorporating input from park user groups and neighbors during a series of public workshops. The City began implementing the plan with renovations of the tennis courts in 2005, and the subsequent construction of the skatepark in 2007. The remainder of the renovations was split into two phases – the current project is Phase I – to be completed as funds became available. Phase 2 features resurfacing the parking lots and roadways, along with other enhancements external to the oval.

As one of Stamford's most popular recreational spaces, Scalzi Park is actively used every day and night of the week. In recognition of the fact that the public requires the park to function as fully as possible during its busiest season, work will begin on the perimeter of the oval, allowing the three ball fields to remain open until Labor Day. All work will be complete by spring 2012.

For questions relating to the construction:

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